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ABSTRACT

This ERIC Digest is an annotated list of 40 websites and listservs devoted to adult, career, and vocational education. The following websites and listservs are included: six ERIC sites (ACCESS ERIC; AskERIC; the Education Resource Organizations Directory; the ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education; ORYX Press/Current Index to Journals in Education Source Journal Index; and Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Consumer Education); two government-related sites (National Center on Education Statistics and U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education); four adult education-related sites (including AEDNET, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, and the Internet Directory of Literacy and Adult Education Resources); five literacy-related sites (including the National Center for Family Literacy and Ohio Literacy Resource Center); three distance education-related sites (including the Distance Education Training Council); six vocational education-related sites (including the American Vocational Association and the Skill Standards Network); five training-related sites (including the American Society for Training and Development and the Employment and Training Administration); three job-information-related sites (America's Job Bank; Career Development and Job Search Resources on the Internet; and Occupational Outlook Handbook); two sites related to school-to-work (Florida School-to-Work Information Navigator, National School-to-Work Office); and five sites related to financial aid and school directories. (MN)

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The Internet includes thousands of websites and listservs related to every imaginable subject.Sifting through them to find the ones that relate to a specific areas of interest can be a time-consuming and often mind-boggling job.This **ERIC *Digest*** provides an annotated list of websites and listservs related to the broad areas of adult, career, and vocational education. It is not intended to be a complete list, but an introduction to sites in those areas.

ERIC

ACCESS ERIC <http://www.aspensys.com/eric/>, 2277 Research Blvd., 7A, Rockville MD 20850; 800/LET-ERIC (538-3742); acceric @inet.ed.gov. Provides access to all ERIC system-related websites as well as those of the U.S. Department of Education.

AskERIC <http://www.askeric.org/>, ERIC Clearinghouse on Information and Technology, Syracuse University, Center for Science and Technology, 4th Fl., Room 194, Syracuse NY 13244-4100; 800/464-9107; eric@ericir.syr.edu. Offers access to ERIC searching, the AskERIC questioning service, lesson plans, the AskERIC Virtual Library, the Virtual Reference Desk, and the Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM).

Education Resource Organizations Directory <http://www.ed.gov/Programs/ERODmap.html> (see ACCESS ERIC above for contact information). EROD offers information on over 2,000 education-related national, state, and regional organizations.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education <http://ericacve.org/>, 1900 Kenny Rd, Columbus OH 43210-1090; 800/848-4815, ext. 27069; ericacve@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu. Includes full text of user publications, access to electronic journals, information about submitting materials to ERIC, and links to many websites related to adult, career, vocational education and training.

Oryx Press/CIJE Source Journal Index <http://www.oryxpress.com/cije.htm>, 4041 N. Central Ave. at Indian School Rd., Suite 700, Phoenix AZ 85012-3397; 800/279-6799; info@oryxpress.com. Oryx Press provides publisher/subscription information about all journals indexed in ***Current Index to Journals in Education***.

Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Consumer Education <http://www.emich.edu/public/coe/nice/>, National Institute for Consumer Education, Eastern Michigan University, 207 Rackham Bldg., W. Circle Dr., Ypsilanti MI 48197 313/487-2292; nice@online.emich.edu. Links to information about investing, resource lists, full text of publications, legislation, and a calendar of events.

Government-Related Sites

National Center on Education Statistics <http://nces.ed.gov/>, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington DC 20208-5574; 800/424-1616. Reports statistical information related to the condition and progress of education in the United States.

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/>, Mary E. Switzer Bldg., 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington DC 20202. Features information about legislation and federal funding for adult and vocational education, as well as press releases, fact sheets, and links to related sources. Search engine indexes across all USDE-sponsored sites <http://search.ed.gov/csi>

Adult Education

AEDNET <http://www.sagrelto.com/elandh/laednet.htm>, listproc @pulsar.acast.nova.edu; subscribe aednet firstname lastname. Members share their ideas and expertise on topics related to all aspects of adult education. The website houses the archives for the listserv.

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education <http://www.albany.edu/aaace/>, 1200 19th St., NW, Washington DC 20036-2422; 202/429-5131. Provides information about the organization, an online newsletter, and website bulletins of interest to adult educators.

American Council on Education <http://www.acenet.edu>, One Dupont Circle NW, Washington DC 20036. Includes information about ACE programs such as HEATH and GED, credentials, leadership development, public affairs, and women and minorities in higher education.

Internet Directory of Literacy and Adult Education Resources <http://sagrelto.com/elandh/home.htm>, MN/SD Regional Adult Literacy Resource Center, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul MN 55105. This extensive directory of literacy and adult education resources includes listservs, gopher sites, websites, and other bulletin boards, e-mail and FTP addresses, and telnet database resources.

Literacy

National Center for Family Literacy <http://www.famlit.org/>, 325 W Main St., Suite 200, Louisville KY 40202-4251; ncfl@famlit.org. Includes a publications list, training opportunities, information on welfare reform, and links to related sites.

National Center on Adult Literacy/ Literacy Online <http://www.literacyonline.org/> or <http://ncal.literacy.upenn.edu/>, University of Pennsylvania, 3910 Chestnut St., Philadelphia PA 19104-3111; 215/898-2100. Contains information about the center, ***Issue Briefs***, information on welfare reform, and an online newsletter.

National Institute for Literacy <http://novel.nifl.gov/>, 800 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20006; 202/632-1500. Includes nationwide literacy information, programs and activities, links to state sites, policy updates and research papers, current events, listservs, literacy facts, and directories.

Ohio Literacy Resource Center <http://archon.educ.kent.edu/>, 414 White Hall, Kent State University, Kent Ohio 44242-0001; 330/672-2007. Includes links to adult literacy resources, a directory of Ohio adult literacy programs, a calendar of events, job opportunities, teacher resources, and a publications list.

PBS/LiteracyLink <http://www.pbs.org/learn/literacy/>. Offers an integrated system of video and online computer technology to help adults advance their GED and workplace skills. LiteracyLink is a partnership of PBS, the National Center on Adult Literacy, the Kentucky Network, and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Distance Education

Distance Education and Training Council <http://www.detc.org/>, 1601 18th St., NW, Washington DC 20009-2529; 202/ 234-5100; detc @detc.org. Provides information about the accreditation of distance edu-

cation programs, high school programs, degree programs, publications, and upcoming events.

Distance Education Clearinghouse <http://www.uwex.edu/disted/home.html>, 432 N. Lake St., Madison WI 53706; 608/262-3786. Includes headlines; articles, bibliographies, and resources; conferences; funding and legislative information as well as a variety of related links.

Resources in Distance Education <http://ccism.pc.athabascau.ca/html/ccism/dereste/de.htm>, Athabasca University, 1 University Dr., Athabasca, AB T9S 3A3, Canada; 800/ 788-9041. Features information about designing distance education materials; theory and practice; distance education issues; associations; organizations; conferences and special events; and links to technology resources.

Vocational Education

American Vocational Association <http://www.avaonline.org/>, 1410 King St., Alexandria VA 22314; 800/826-9972; avahq@avaonline.org. AVA's site includes information about the organization, membership information, legislative news, products, and conference information.

National Business Education Association <http://www.nbea.org>, 1914 Association Dr., Reston VA 20191; 703/860-8300; nbea@nbea.org. Provides membership information, scholarship information, as well as information about policies and legislation related to business education.

National Center for Research in Vocational Education <http://vocserve.berkeley.edu>, 2030 Addison St., #1674, Suite 500, Berkeley CA 94720-1674; 800/762-4093; AskNCRVE@ncrve.berkeley.edu. Contains information about NCRVE's mission, programs, publications, and services and links to related sites.

Professional Secretaries International <http://www.psi.org/>, 10502 NW Ambassador Dr., PO Box 20404, Kansas City MO 64195-0404; 816/891-6600. Includes information about membership, products and services, PSI certification, current news, and links to related sites.

Skill Standards Network <http://steps.atsi.edu>, American Training Standards Institute, PO Box 23942, Waco, TX 76702. Offers an online database of industry skill standards for a variety of occupations.

Vocational Education Resources <http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~sorg/vocation.html>, University of Central Florida, PO Box 160000, Orlando, FL 32816; sorg@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu. Steven's Sorg's website contains links to sites related to all aspects of vocational education.

Training

American Society for Training and Development <http://www.astd.org/>, 1640 King St., Box 1443, Alexandria VA 22313-2043; 703/683-8100. ASTD's Virtual Community includes a marketplace, a library, conference information, a buyer's guide, the membership directory, as well as T&D Magazine and a book club.

Employment and Training Administration (USDOL) (<http://www.doleta.gov/>. Includes information for those looking for work, needing unemployment compensation information, or seeking the services of the national One-Stop Career Center System. It includes information for employers regarding labor market information and on finding qualified employees.

The Learning Exchange <http://www.learnativity.com/training_FAQs/>; marcia_conner@peoplesoft.com. Marcia Connor has developed an online source for information on learning, training, instructional technology, and other topics related to adult education and improving the way people learn and teach.

Training & Development Community Centre <http://tcm.com/trdev/>. This site includes a variety of information related to Human Resources and Training such as newsgroups, listservs, a chat page, and links to other websites of interest.

TRDEV-L <http://train.ed.psu.edu/trdev-l/>; listserv@lists.psu.edu; subscribe trdev-l firstname lastname. This site contains the archives and digests of the TRDEV-L listserv which is a listserv for training and development and work force education sponsored by Penn State University. Considered by many to be the best training listserv on the Web.

Job Information

America's Job Bank <http://www.ajb.dni.us/>. Offers information about employers, job seekers, the job market, and tips for the job search.

Career Development and Job Search Resources on the Internet <http://www.brynmawr.edu/CDO/netresources.html>. Identifies over 100 websites related to all aspects of the job search. It includes general career information sites as well as those limited to specific occupations.

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>. Contains specific information about thousands of jobs as well as sections on sources of career information, employment projections, finding a job and evaluating an offer, and information about tomorrow's jobs.

School-to-Work

Florida School-to-Work Information Navigator <http://www.flstw.fsu.edu/>, 251 Sliger Bldg., 2035 E. Dirac Dr., Talahassee FL 32310; 800/428-1194; fl-stwcl@mailer.fsu.edu. Features of this website include evaluation reports; conference information; information about STEPS, an electronic support system; publications; and funding sources.

National School-to-Work Office <http://www.stw.ed.gov/>, 800/251-7236; stw-lc@ed.gov. This national site includes information about legislation, financing, conferences, resources, state links, and technical assistance providers.

Financial Aid and School Directories

The College Board <http://www.collegeboard.org/>, 45 Columbus Ave., New York NY 10023; 212-713-8000. Provides information about financial aid, the SAT—including online registration, adult services, international education, advanced placement, the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and guides to campuses.

College View <http://collegeview.com>. Provides information about more than 3,700 colleges and universities, financial aid, career planning, and a handy college packing list.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education/Financial Aid <http://www.gwu.edu/~eriche/FAQ/#financial_aid>, George Washington University, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 630, Washington DC 20036-1183; 800/773-3741; eriche@eric-he.edu. Offers links to a variety of websites related to financial aid.

Overview <http://www.overview.com/colleges/>. Contains facts on more than 9,000 vocational schools, colleges, and universities.

Peterson's Guides <http://www.petersons.com>, Peterson's, 202 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540; 609/243-9111. Includes lists of schools, colleges, and universities as well as information about studying abroad, special schools, distance education, financing education, and applying to college.

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